

## MR. POCOCK ADMITS M. C. R. OPTION ALTERS THE WHOLE SITUATION

Frankly Concedes He Did Not Know of the Option and Says Engineers Planned M. C. R. Buildings For Terminals.

## SUGGESTS THAT THE STATION BE PLACED ON DUNDAS STREET

Scheme in Mind Would Greatly Increase Estimate For Electrification—Hopes Road Will Exercise Option on London and Southeastern Railway.

Chairman Philip Pocock, of the hydro-electric commission, frankly stated this morning that the option held by the M. C. R. was unknown to him until published in The Advertiser; that other plans for terminals must be made; that he thought it would be best to have terminals on Dundas street. In effect, his admission was that the whole electrification scheme must be altered and the cost greatly increased, and that for the present at any rate the whole thing was up in the air.

"I had no knowledge that the Michigan Central had an option on the London and Southeastern Railway. I had no reasons for going into the matter whatever, so I did not get a line situation along Dundas street. We might come up Burwell street or some of those streets, erect our station there, and be in a much better position to handle traffic. As for the M. C. R., it might not be the worst thing if they did exercise the option, as it would assure the citizens that that railway would remain in London."



CHAIRMAN POCOCK.

### ENGINEERS PLANNED THE TERMINALS.

That was Chairman Pocock's statement on The Advertiser's story regarding the option held on the London and Southeastern Railway by the M. C. R. He admitted that it was news to him, and also that the engineers, in his judgment, planned to use them as the terminals for the electrified London and Port Stanley.

The new phase of the question has caused the citizens to pause and wonder. The ramifications of the scheme are so wide that the average citizen does not know where he is at.

## LIBERALS IN CAUCUS FOR CANADIAN NAVY

Borden Naval Scheme Will Be Subjected to Searching Criticism—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Says Canadian Navy Is True Imperial Policy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The Liberals will give the Borden naval policy a searching criticism. There was a fully-attended caucus of Liberal members and senators this morning. The caucus was called to consider the naval announcement made yesterday. It is understood that a high note of patriotism and imperialism was struck, the members believing that the empire could best be strengthened by the creation of an effective Canadian naval force.

After the caucus the following statement was given out by Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "The caucus was most enthusiastic and absolutely unanimous, and proud that the memorandum of the admiralty clearly establishes what they always contended—that there is no emergency; in this they found full justification in the principle of a Canadian naval policy, which can be expanded to the full extent of the figures suggested in the memorandum, and this they consider the true imperial policy."

## PRESS COMMENTS ON NAVY

**Borden Should Explain.**  
Montreal, Dec. 6.—The Witness says: "The policy of the Government on the naval issue is, of course, the very reverse of the attitude on which Mr. Borden's supporters were elected in this province. It would be for Mr. Borden to explain why he should without reference to the people inaugurate a tremendous naval policy at the hands of Parliament alone. We may have, however, that his policy is altogether in accord with the views which the Witness has not ceased to express since very long before the naval question became acute."

**Call It Solution.**  
Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The Ottawa Journal says: "The rising tide in Canada for some years of a determination to pay a more effective part in the co-operation of the British peoples of the world found itself at a standstill yesterday in the House of Commons, when a storm of applause greeted the announcement of the contribution of the three super-

Dreadnoughts to the imperial navy. This would not be an ideal contribution if it were offered as a permanent solution of our naval obligation to the empire. The contribution is specified to be simply an interim step and more will follow. It proclaims in trumpet tones to the world that the British Empire is one and indivisible; it roars that the lion's whelps are beginning to get claws and read to use them in the family interest if the family is molested."

**A Mean Policy.**  
Quebec, Que., Dec. 6.—The Daily Telegraph (Liberal), says: "The policy of Mr. Borden is a very mean one, a case of contributing fifty dollars to the world that the British Empire is one and indivisible; it roars that the lion's whelps are beginning to get claws and read to use them in the family interest if the family is molested."

**South London Liberals.**  
The weekly public party will be held in the South London Liberal Club, corner of Craig street and the Westway road, this evening. Excellent prizes will be offered and everybody is invited.

**Cavalry Cadets Parade.**  
The First Hussars Cavalry Cadets were on parade for the first time last night since the reorganization. About 25 boys turned out. Prospects are very bright for a prosperous winter season. The cadets' time will be devoted to drill, musketry and shooting on the gallery range, special targets having been prepared. As soon as reorganization details have been completed suitable uniforms will be issued. Captain Brickenden will in all probability be in command, and an instructor will be furnished from the Royal Canadian Dragoons of Toronto.



**MORE DAYS TO SHOP**  
Both gents were hitting it up fast when seen by The London Advertiser's eagle-eyed artist today. Both were anxious to get their Christmas shopping done early, but Skinny White's nose steered him to need a saline injection to keep him going. Fatty Black was perspiring freely, but hitting up a merry clip. Watch for tomorrow's developments.



WANTED—A Man Who Understands "Operation."

## RUSH SCHEME TO THE PEOPLE

L. and P. S. R. Board So Advises Council—Two Aldermen Protest.

At a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board, held at noon today, the city council was recommended to submit a bylaw to electrify the London and Port Stanley Railway, to the ratepayers in January next. The city clerk was also instructed to notify the Canadian Northern Railway Company that negotiations for the lease of the line were under consideration after the fate of the bylaw was decided. The discussion was not lengthy, nor were the various points in the proposition touched upon at all.

**Mayor in Favor Now.**  
Mayor Graham explained that the object of the meeting was to make a recommendation to the council on one of the three propositions now before them—electrification, to lease the line to the C. N. R., or to allow the Lake Erie to electrify the road. Personally, he was strongly in favor of electrification, he said.

**Dark.**  
Ald. Coles thought that some arrangement should be made for running excursions into London. He was of the opinion that no matter who got the road, this should be done, he thought that Thursday would be the proper day.

**The Other Railways.**  
"We do not know whether or not the other railways will come over our line," continued Ald. Ashplant. "We have not the slightest bit of information on the subject."

**Decision Is Carried.**  
After some further discussion, Ald. Wright moved that the council be asked to submit the bylaw for electrification, and Ald. Rose seconded it. Ald. Ashplant moved in amendment that the matter be left over until 1913 and that the bylaw be voted on May 1st.

**Christmas Day.**  
Ald. Murphy seconded the amendment. It was put, the division resulting as follows:  
Yeas—Ald. Murphy and Ald. Ashplant.  
Nays—Mayor Graham, Ald. Wright, Ald. Coles, Ald. Moore and Ald. Rose.  
Ald. Wright's motion was then put and carried by the same division.

## DAVIES WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT AND ROBBERY

Prisoner Was Remanded Until Tomorrow for Sentence—Evidence Appeared Conclusive That Davies Was the Man Who Robbed and Beat Wm. Wilkinson.

After being out for over an hour the jury in the case of the king against Joseph H. Davies returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of robbing, with assault, William Wilkinson, of \$180, on Nov. 18, on a farm near Crumlin. The prisoner was remanded for sentence until tomorrow morning.

**The Evidence.**  
John B. Broughton, Wm. Young, and Mrs. Louisa Clipperton testified to the effect that they had seen Davies riding east on the Governor's road in the afternoon of the robbery. George A. Wenig stated that the prisoner had rented a bicycle from him on Nov. 15 with the express purpose of going to Crumlin, and stated that he, the prisoner, might not return until Monday following.

**No Defence Offered.**  
Mr. George S. Gibbons, for the defence, stated that the defence would not offer any witnesses, as he did not think the crown had presented a case on which his client could be found guilty. When the verdict was returned Judge Macdeth stated that the jury had brought in the only one possible. Court was then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

## 5,000 TURKEYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE TABLES OF LONDON

Local Dealer Estimates That 11,500 Turkeys, Geese, Ducks Will Be Needed at Christmas—Turkey Prices Are High at the Present.



It is estimated that over 11,500 turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens will be purchased for consumption in this city on Christmas Day, and 5,000 more will be brought for dinners on New Year's Day. The total cost of fowl for the two days in London will easily amount to \$27,000.

**Prices Are Higher.**  
The prices prevailing at present are slightly higher than those of the same time last season, as the following comparisons will show.

|                           | 1911   | 1912    |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Dressed turkeys, per lb.  | 19-20c | 20-21c  |
| Dressed geese, per lb.    | 11-12c | 12-12½c |
| Dressed chickens, per lb. | 14-14c | 15-15c  |

The supply this season is stated on all sides to be somewhat less than last season, and also the trade is more divided. A number of Toronto and Montreal wholesale houses have opened up branches within a radius of 25 to 30 miles of London, and have been shipping their purchases to the West.

## BORDEN'S IDEA IS WRONG STATES LORD BERESFORD; UNITS THE RIGHT PLAN

Famous British Admiral Says Scheme Leaves the Trade Routes Unprotected and Places British Isles in Danger of Starvation.

## LAURIER CRUISER PLAN WITH STRONG BASES RIGHT IDEA

London Daily News Doubts Urgency Intimated in Borden's Speech, and Says Situation Is a Hazardous One—Fears Maintenance of Fleet in Canadian Waters Will Prove Very Costly.

New York, Dec. 6.—A London cable says: Lord Charles Beresford apparently has foreseen grave dangers in the Borden idea, and says in the Daily Express this morning:

"What I recommended that the dominions do was to defend their end of the trade routes with strong naval bases, mines, torpedo boat destroyers and light cruisers. The trade routes are unprotected, and now our danger is starvation, not invasion. The country was deceived and fooled by statements regarding the Dreadnoughts of other nations. We were insulted by being told a Dreadnought could sink their whole fleets. The people speak of nothing but Dreadnoughts, quite forgetting that a fleet is composed of a variety of units, any one of which being defective or short, jeopardizes the whole."

**DOUBTS THE URGENCY.**  
Commenting on Premier Borden's naval speech, the Daily News doubts whether the urgency is so extreme, and fears that the political consequence will be very grave. It says: "Unless there is a corresponding reduction in the British program of naval construction, Canada's gift will get to be a burden for the maintenance of the Canadian ships."

**A HAZARDOUS STEP.**  
The paper asks how the new development is to be reconciled with the preservation of imperial control over the foreign policy. Altogether it thinks it is a most hazardous step.

**A MERK MAKESHIFT.**  
The Morning Post says it is important to note Borden's statement does not profess to embody a permanent Canadian naval policy. He is evidently impressed by the superior organization of the imperial navy to anything Canada could produce. From the constitutional aspect the Post admits it is a makeshift, and the whole position will have to be revised and made more satisfactory to the dominions.

**"Borden's Burden."**  
Toronto, Dec. 6.—The "Toronto Star" takes the attitude that in addition to supplying the British admiralty with three Dreadnoughts, Canada should man and maintain them as well. It points out that instead of relieving the British taxpayer of part of his burden the Borden proposal, but increases it in giving him three additional Dreadnoughts to maintain.

## CHILDREN LEAVE THE SCHOOL WHEN INSPECTOR WALKS IN

Scholars Acted on Instruction of Their Parents and Trustees.

[Canadian Press.]  
Windsor, Dec. 6.—Inspector Engall, of Ottawa, paid his first visit to the separate school in Tecumseh Thursday afternoon, and as he entered the school practically all the children walked out.

## Enormous Increase to City Without M. C. R. Terminals

Depot, Freight Shed and Car Barns Required and Additional Expensive Equipment.

That hundreds of thousands of dollars would be added to the electrification estimates if the city fails to come to an arrangement with the M. C. R. was the opinion expressed by a railwayman this morning.

**Towers Cost \$600 Each.**  
In addition, if the city were able to come through the "Grand Trunk yards," the equipment required would run into another large amount. As at Sarnia, tunnel, wire towers would be required, which would cost \$600, such as were shown in an illustration in the Free Press recently. It is said that the equipment could not be installed for less than another \$700,000.

### THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Dec. 6—8 a.m.

Today—Strong west and northwest winds, becoming colder.

Saturday—Fresh westerly winds; fair and colder.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

| Stations.    | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| LONDON       | 34    | 26   | Clear    |
| Calgary      | 38    | 28   | Cloudy   |
| Port Arthur  | 38    | 28   | Clear    |
| Port Huron   | 38    | 28   | Clear    |
| Toronto      | 42    | 30   | Fair     |
| Ottawa       | 34    | 24   | Cloudy   |
| Montreal     | 40    | 28   | Cloudy   |
| Quebec       | 36    | 28   | Rain     |
| Father Point | 30    | 28   | Cloudy   |

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was in Iowa yesterday has passed northeastward across the Great Lakes, causing a rainfall throughout Ontario.

The western cold wave is becoming less pronounced, and while the temperature will fall considerably in Ontario and Quebec, the cold is unlikely to continue.